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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BANGLADESH STUDY TOUR

REF: EMBASSY OM DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1974.

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY REVIEW ITS RECOMMENDATION AGAINST THE WISCONSIN PROGRAM.

2. THE WISCONSIN PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO THE NEA SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BFS WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE FUNDED. THE BFS FELT THAT THE PROGRAM, IF GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME, COULD ATTRACT HIGHLY QUALIFIED GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS EAGER TO HAVE SOME MEANS OF EXPOSING AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS TO BENGALIEE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS.

3. DR. STEPHEN HINTZ OF WISCONSIN WAS INFORMED OF EMBASSY-S VIEWS OF 1973 EXPERIENCE AND PRESENT PROPOSAL IS MORE CAREFULLY STRUCTURED.

4. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOSE SERIOUS GRADUATE STUDENTS TO BENGALIEE CULTURE WITH POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR TWO MAY PURSUE BENGALIEE STUDIES IS LONG-TERM GOAL OF
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THE PROGRAMAND IS IN THE INTERESTS OF U.S.-BANGLADESH

RELATIONS. DR. KHAN'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL AND

ARRANGE THE PROGRAM IS A SPECIAL ADVANTAGE.

5. COST OF THE PROGRAM IS MODEST (DOLS 7,535). "CU IS
PREPARED TO REPROGRAM FUNDS FROM OTHER PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT
STUDY TOUR PROVIDING MISSION APPROVES".

6. MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT THIS PROGRAM IS THE QUALITY OF
STUDENT PARTICIPANTS. IT IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT OSHKOSH
BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RECRUIT HIGHLY QUALIFIED
PARTICIPANTS IF PROGRAM IS TO GO THIS SUMMER.

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